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GPO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCESS TO *CONCLUSIONS OF LAW* IN MICROSOFT CASE

Acting once again in support of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, the Government Printing Office (GPO) prepared print copies and online access to the "Conclusions of Law and Order" in the Microsoft case issued on Monday, April 3, 2000, by Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

As it was for the release of Judge Jackson's "Findings of Fact" in the Microsoft case last November, GPO was asked to make advance preparations for the rapid dissemination of the "Conclusions." GPO had already established a specific URL for the Microsoft case documents on **GPO Access**, GPO's popular Internet information service (at **www.access.gpo.gov**). The Microsoft document URL is **<http://usvms.gpo.gov>**. At the Court's request, the document was to be made available in HTML and Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF) formats. As with last November's release, GPO arranged to have the document loaded on 10 servers configured behind a BigIP load balancer, presently served by four T1 lines.

The Court also asked that GPO make available printed copies of the "Conclusions" through its main bookstore on North Capitol Street in Washington, DC, starting at 5 p.m. on the date of release. GPO produced copies of the cover in advance, established a \$12 price for the product, and made preparations to dedicate high-speed duplicating systems for rapid document production. In addition, GPO set up a system for taking advance orders for the print publication.

Following the announcement of the decision, a printed copy and electronic disk version of the 48-page document, titled *Conclusions of Law and Order: United States of America v. Microsoft Corporation, C.A. 98-1232; State of New York, ex. rel. Eliot*

Spitzer, et al., v. Microsoft Corporation, C.A. 98-1233, were transferred to GPO by the Court. Print production began immediately, and a sufficient number of copies was produced by the time the bookstore re-opened at 5 p.m. At the same time, the electronic version was readied for release online at 5 p.m.

In the first hour of release, online traffic was heavy. **GPO Access** experienced 90,000 successful connections in the first half-hour of release. A total of 129 copies of the print document were sold between 5 and 6 p.m. on April 3. Many of the network evening news broadcasts about the decision on Friday were filmed in front of GPO's bookstore.

Print copies of the "Conclusions" are also being made available for public access through other GPO bookstores and Federal depository libraries located throughout the Nation.

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